

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN FPI  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has decided to introduce information technology in the area of Food Processing Industries (FPI);
- (b) if so, whether the removal of quantitative restrictions has a major impact on the FPI;
- (c) the extent to which the Maharashtra Government has been able to get more foreign investment for FPI; and
- (d) the assistance that the Union Government have agreed to provide for development of FPI in Maharashtra ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

- a) Govt. of Maharashtra have informed that no specific decision in this regard has been taken.
- b) the figures of import of majority of processed food items during the period April –November 2002 do not show any major change as compared to the period April –November 2001, except for crude palm oils & its fraction, other soya oil & its fraction.
- c) From July 1991 to November 2002, 125 FDI proposals with a total investment of Rs. 1207.15 crores have been approved for Maharashtra.
- d) The schemes of the Ministry are not state or region specific. Hence no specific funds have been allocated for the development of FPI in Maharashtra.